

Introduced by Senator Ackerman

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Senate Resolution No. 7— Relative to the Bowl Championship Series.

1 WHEREAS, The Bowl Championship Series (BCS) was
2 created to provide a national championship game featuring the
3 top two college football teams in the country; and
4 WHEREAS, For the second year in a row, and for three out of
5 its last four years, the BCS has failed to produce a consensus
6 national championship game; and
7 WHEREAS, In 2003, the University of Southern California,
8 champion of the Pacific-10 Conference, was denied its chance to
9 play in the national championship game because the BCS
10 awarded its spot to a team that did not even win the
11 championship of its own conference; and
12 WHEREAS, In 2001, the University of Oregon, champion of
13 the Pacific-10 Conference, was denied its chance to play for the
14 national championship because the BCS awarded its spot to a
15 team that did not even win the championship of its conference;
16 and
17 WHEREAS, The BCS also determines which teams play in the
18 other three major bowl games each season; and
19 WHEREAS, The only loss of the University of California,
20 Berkeley (Cal) football team during the 2004 season came on the
21 last play of the game against the Number One ranked team in the
22 nation; and
23 WHEREAS, The California Golden Bears are ranked ahead of
24 the Texas Longhorns in both the Associated Press poll and the
25 ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll; and

1 WHEREAS, The Cal Bears have inexplicably been
2 leapfrogged by the Texas Longhorns in the BCS ratings, and
3 have been denied their opportunity to play in the 2005 Rose
4 Bowl; and

5 WHEREAS, This last opportunity will cost Cal and the
6 Pacific-10 Conference around \$4,500,000 that they otherwise
7 would have received had Cal been chosen to play in the Rose
8 Bowl; and

9 WHEREAS, Any system of ranking teams that purports to be
10 unbiased, but which is influenced by whining, complaining,
11 spinning, politicking, and campaigning, should be abolished; and

12 WHEREAS, As a result, the Cal Bears, the undisputed
13 Number Four team in the country, have been cheated out of
14 \$4,500,000 and the opportunity to showcase their talents in the
15 2005 Rose Bowl, and have been the victims of a system that
16 claims to be unbiased yet clearly is influenced by factors other
17 than wins and losses and strength of schedule; now, therefore, be
18 it

19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California,* That the
20 Senate calls for the abolition of the Bowl Championship Series.